

# ONE in the word

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: **and they are they which testify of me (Jesus).**” (John 5:39)

## January 7 - Reflection

### DEAR WOMAN OF ONE:

In our reading this week, we journeyed with Christ through His days of creating all things: beasts, fowl, people and all that is upon Earth. We have seen the perfectness with which He created all things and had a glimpse of the intimacy that God desired to have with Adam as **“the voice of the LORD God (was) walking in the garden in the cool of the day”** (Genesis 3:8). How grieved He must have been when He “could not find” them as they were hiding in their sin and shame. We also saw Satan’s powerful influence upon man which brought about the curse upon all things living upon the earth while at the same time saw how God’s sovereignty reigned over that old serpent who had no power or authority over God as He dispersed sin’s judgment upon each individual.

We saw how far man’s sin and separation from God would take him so that there was only one, Noah, who **“found grace in the eyes of the LORD.”** Only one family of eight, out of the millions that were alive at that time, was found worthy of God’s salvation but within seemingly days of being “saved” sin quickly ensued as Noah, the righteous one becomes drunk with wine (Genesis 9:21) **“and he was uncovered within his tent”** then further exposed to his younger son, Ham, in vile sin. It is interesting to note that the first time wine is mentioned in scripture, it is connected with drunkenness and sin (9:1).

We read of the languages being confused and all who were once united in commonality are divided as the languages are confounded by the sovereign hand of God (Genesis 11:5-9). We have now come to Abram, a man who **“called upon the name of the LORD”** (Genesis 13:4) as he worshipped God in the **“place of the altar.”** Abram, a man that in obedience to God found himself separated from his father’s house and then separated from his nephew, Lot, but united unto God.

In spite of the sin of every man, woman and child on earth, we have seen already the amazing grace of God, as revealed in the various representations of Christ when compared to other passages throughout the scripture. We have seen His love bestowed, promises made, and blessings granted as Christ came **“...to save that which was lost.”** (Matthew 18:11 and Luke 19:10) **“That which was lost”** is that image of His Father that was originally in Adam before he sinned. Christ became the manifest image of His Father. **“Jesus saith unto him...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father...”** (John 14:9)

In this first week of reading, have you dear Woman of ONE, been able to get perhaps even a glimpse of Jesus Christ's desire for you to become acceptable to the Father by His sacrifice for you? He has already loved you so much to die for you, becoming that sacrificial Lamb, as pictured through the insufficient sacrifices of animals. In all that we have read in these first 15 chapters of the beginning of our history, we can see how weak and incapable mankind is to be righteous in God's sight. It truly is impossible for even the righteous when separated from Christ by the sins of our flesh. But God's grace, His mercy, and His love "**shall cover the multitude of sins**" (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:8; Proverbs 10:12).

As we go about our day, let us reflect on the history we have read and meditate on how greatly Jesus' love is for us.

#### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

**Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."**

**Genesis 4:7 "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee *shall be* his desire, and thou shalt rule over him."**

**Genesis 7:1 "And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation."**

**Genesis 11:1 "And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech."**

**Genesis 13:1, 3-4 "And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south. And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai; Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the LORD."**